

Civilian dentists who bill for dental treatment services provided under the United States Army's Oral Health Initiative (OHI) Program have an attractive option to register for payment using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). When properly executed Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) makes for a faster, more efficient method of payment. By sending the payment directly to the dentist's financial institution, it allows the practicing dentist to better manage office cash flow by reducing the time it takes needed to receive payment and eliminates the possibility of a check being lost in the mail.

If you are not at present registered to receive EFT payment, you can begin receiving EFT payments by successfully completing registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). This can be accomplished by accessing the internet website www.ccr.gov and following the directions under "*Start New Registration*". If you have previously registered in CCR, thank you.

When you are registered in CCR, you will be provided with a CAGE code. Please contact the MMSO Vendor Pay Division at 1 888-647-6676 extension 6662 or 6613 with the CAGE code and Tax Identification Number (TIN).

The historical background on EFT payment by MMSO is as follows. By Federal Law, the Military Medical Support Office (MMSO) has been mandated to have all payments paid through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The EFT rule (31 CFR Part 208) requires that Federal payments be made electronically. As a result, any payment recipient of the Federal government is required to receive payment by EFT. On April 26, 1996, the President signed into law, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA). This legislation requires the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT). After consideration of comments, the Department of the Treasury issued a final rule on September 25, 1998.